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In re Application of

Durval RIBEIRO, et al.

Docket No.: 114293.1721

Serial No. 09/702,750

Group Art Unit: 2841

Filed: November 1, 2000

Examiner: Unassigned

For: PLUG-IN MODULE FOR PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Continuation in the above identified application.

[] Small Entity Status has been previously established.

[] Also attached: Preliminary Amendment with new claims added.

IX 1 The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	14	-20	4	x \$9=	000
Independent Claims	4	-3	1	x \$40=	40.00
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Assignment Fee				0.00	
		TOTAL FEE DUE			\$40.00

An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted [X] A check is enclosed in the amount of \$40.00. herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

12. (New) An apparatus for adding functionality to a portable electronic device, comprising:

a housing means sized to be accepted by a housing part of a portable electronic device; and

securing means for securing said portable electronic device to said housing;

wherein said securing means includes at least one latch, each latch comprising a

first member, a second member, and a third member, each member having a first end and a

second end, the first end of the first member connected to the first end of the second member

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